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## REP. HINTZ: STATEMENT ON REPUBLICAN LEADERS CONTINUED USE OF TAXPAYER FUNDED PRIVATE ATTORNEYS

WISCONSIN REPUBLICANS HAVE A FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM WITH DEMOCRACY

MADISON – Republican leaders in the legislature announced today they would be hiring private attorneys at taxpayer expense in a lawsuit involving Planned Parenthood and the State of Wisconsin. This comes just months after Speaker Robin Vos contracted with a private law firm, at a cost of \$850,000, to defend Wisconsin's gerrymandered maps in a case dating back to 2011. Assembly Democratic Leader Gordon Hintz (D-Oshkosh) released the following statement on the continued use of taxpayer dollars for private attorneys:

"The power trip the Speaker and Majority Leader are on seems endless. It's clear they are more interested in doubling down on an ideological agenda than serving the public. This latest decision proves that a primary focus of Wisconsin Republicans is to abuse taxpayer dollars in order to undercut and undermine an Attorney General that was democratically elected by the majority of Wisconsin voters. Republicans in Wisconsin have a fundamental problem with democracy."

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